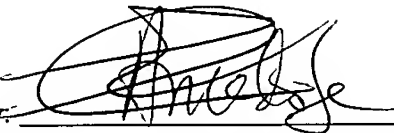


REMARKS

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner enter these amendments prior to examining the application on its merits.

Respectfully submitted,

SHANKS & HERBERT

By: 
Christopher E. Aniedobe
Reg. No. 48,293

Date: November 12, 2003

TransPotomac Plaza
1033 N. Fairfax Street. Ste. 306
Alexandria, VA 22314
(703) 683-3600